

## **Snohomish County District Court**

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## <u>INFRACTION OPTIONS – NO COURT APPEARANCE</u>

You must appear for your scheduled hearing unless the Court receives by mail or fax the completed reverse side of this form at least five business days prior to your court date.

Alive at 25 Program: If you were under 25 years of age at the time you were cited with your infraction(s), you may request permission from the judge to attend a four-hour in-person interactive class designed for young drivers in exchange for a dismissal of your infraction(s) upon completion. Information about the class is available at <a href="https://www.sdc.coursestorm.com">www.sdc.coursestorm.com</a>. If the judge grants permission, you will be required to pay \$139 to register for the class and you must provide proof of a valid driver's license and insurance at the time you attend. Request permission for this option by completing the reverse side of this form; the court must receive it by fax or mail at least 5 business days prior to your scheduled court date.

**Deferred Finding:** A deferred finding results in a dismissal of the traffic infraction. You are eligible for a deferred finding for one moving and one non-moving infraction within a seven-year period so long as you do not hold a commercial driver's license (CDL) and you were not operating a commercial motor vehicle at the time of the violation. The judge will decide whether to grant you a deferred finding. If granted, you will be required to pay an administrative fee of \$139 within 30 days (no exceptions), and your infraction(s) will be dismissed upon payment. Request a deferred finding by completing the reverse side of this form; the court must receive it by fax or mail at least 5 business days prior to your scheduled court date.

Contested Hearing by Written Statement: If you are scheduled for a contested hearing, you may choose to argue your case in writing rather than appearing in court. The judge will consider your documentary evidence and the evidence, if any, filed by the government to determine if there is proof by a preponderance of the evidence that you committed the infraction(s). If the judge finds that you committed the infraction(s), you will be assessed a monetary penalty and 'traffic infractions' will be reported to the Department of Licensing. If the government fails to meet its burden, your infraction(s) will be dismissed. You will be notified in writing of the judge's decision. Contest your infraction(s) by written statement by completing the reverse side of this form; the court must receive it by fax or mail at least 5 business days prior to your scheduled court date.

Mitigation Hearing by Written Statement: If you are scheduled for a mitigation hearing, you may choose to submit a written statement rather than appearing in court. By requesting a mitigation hearing, you have already agreed that you committed the infraction(s) but wish to explain the surrounding circumstances and request a reduction in the monetary penalty. The judge will review and consider your written statement and assess an appropriate monetary penalty. You will be notified in writing of the judge's decision and payment options. Infractions designated as 'traffic infractions' will be reported to the Department of Licensing. Mitigate your infraction(s) by written statement by completing the reverse side of this form; the court must receive it by fax or mail at least 5 business days prior to your scheduled court date.

Alive at 25: I was under the age of 25 when cited, and I request permission to attend a 4-hour class in exchange for a dismissal of my infraction(s) instead of appearing in court. I am waiving my right to have a hearing within 120 days and will be mailed the judge's decision and a new court date. If the judge denies my request or if I do not complete the class, I will appear on my new court date. If the judge grants my request, I will (1) immediately go online to <a href="https://www.sdc.coursestorm.com">www.sdc.coursestorm.com</a> to pay \$139 and register for the class, (2) bring a valid driver's license & insurance card to the class and (3) complete the class prior to my new court date.  Deferred Finding: I request a Deferred Finding instead of appearing in court. If the judge grants my request, I agree to pay \$139 within 30 days. I do not have a CDL and I was not driving a commercial motor vehicle.  Hearing by Written Statement: I am scheduled for a contested or mitigation hearing. I am submitting a written statement instead of appearing in court. I have attached any supporting documents, and I will be notified in writing of the judge's decision. I agree to pay the penalty or fee, if any, imposed. I understand that Court Rules do not permit me to appeal the judge's decision because I am choosing a hearing by written statement.  DEFENDANT'S DECLARATION  Attach additional pages if necessary
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true & correct.
Signature: Hearing Date:
Name:
Fmail: